

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, beginning with line 1, amend the title as follows.

MEASUREMENT OF FRICTIONAL RESISTANCE OF PHOTOCONDUCTOR AGAINST
BELT IN IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, PROCESS CARTRIDGE, AND IMAGE
FORMING METHOD

Page 139, beginning with line 2, amend the abstract as follows.

An image forming apparatus includes a photoconductor having a surface with a frictional resistance ranging from 45 gram-force to 200 gram-force, a 10-point average roughness RzJIS ranging from 0.1 mm to 1.5 mm [[s]] or a maximum height Rz of 2.5 mm. Image formation is performed by the image forming apparatus to allow irregular-shaped toner or spherical toner to be cleaned off efficiently and any background stain on a copied sheet to be prevented. A lubricant is applied to the photoconductor so as to form a nonuniform film thereon, which prevents the frictional resistance from abnormally lowering, thus suppressing image degradation.